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## Obsessions: Singer 22



*Obsession:*

# Singer 22

I'm always on the prowl for the next greatest fashion Web site, and recently I've been frequenting Singer 22. Because I have to share every fashion find with you, here are some items that have me checking back. Let me know what you think ...

### 1) Black Orchid Black Devil Skinny Zipper Jeans in Thunder (\$135)

Insanely sexy and hot with both high heels or skinny jeans (and a favorite of Charlize Theron, pictured in the jeans here), at this price point these are a fashion must! The wash, the fit and the distressed detailing makes it well worth your money.

### 2) House of Harlow 1960 Horseshoe Stack Ring in Gold (\$29)

The best part? Not only can we all use a little luck (that hopefully this ring will bring our way) but the ring also comes in sizes, which is great news if the "one-size-fits-all" rings never quite fit right.





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### 3) LnA Cape Tee (\$77)

I know it's expensive, but if you only buy one tee to freshen up your wardrobe this year, make it the cape tee. Not only is it beyond comfy (I've been an LnA fan for a while and am addicted!) but it also is right on trend. This shirt has been seen on everyone from Ashley Tisdale to Nicole Richie.

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### What Do I Wear To ... Feel Confident



"My clothes are like friends,  
so when you wake up  
in the morning and feel lousy,  
you go for your friends."

-Diane von Furstenberg

My favorite aspect of fashion is that it has transformational powers. The perfect patent pumps. The skinny jeans that make any butt look toned. The "it" handbag of the season -- on your arm. A bright, cheery spring coat that makes you feel like sunshine. A leather jacket that evokes a rock star vibe. Aviators (1, [Tory Burch Metal Aviators](#), \$145, [Nordstrom](#)) that make people wonder what's going on behind those shades. Anything that comes in a little robin's egg blue bag, or box, that you can wear over and over again. And let's not forget the end-all-be-all, the little black dress (2, [Banana Republic Monogram Sexy Knit Dress](#), \$130).

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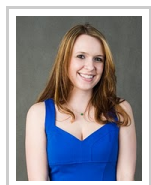
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Brianne Burrowes created 20-Something Fashionista so that girls like you would

have a community to indulge in your fashion fantasies -- one stiletto at a time.

Brianne is the editor-in-chief of the Montanan, the alumni magazine at The University of Montana. Her

Classics are classic for a reason. They never go out of style. Most importantly, they make a woman feel like a lady (yes, I totally ripped that line off of a *Project Runway* contestant). Most of all, they make a girl feel like the leading lady in her own life. What girl doesn't remember Audrey Hepburn in her little black dress and oversize shades peering through the window of Tiffanys? And who could forget Marilyn Monroe's red saturated lips? And now, what girl isn't aware of the jealous looks from other chic chicks when they spot the red soles of your Louboutins ([3](#), [Peep-Toe Pump](#), \$725, [Neiman Marcus](#))?

The one thing common in all of these lust-worthy pieces is that they give a girl confidence. Why? **A) Every other girl wants them.** (A Chanel quilted purse, a Louis Vuitton Speedy, or if you're really lucky an Hermes Birkin bag... ) **B) They give you an instant attitude boost.** You know what I'm talking about, but let me illustrate it for you.

There have been a few occasions when I've gone into a dressing room with pieces I think are amazing. Then I'll zip up the back of a dress, stand on my tip-toes (to imagine myself in heels) and then ... Oh. My. God. It happens. I fall in love with the dress, and no matter how much it costs, (I make a habit of not bringing dresses into a room that I can't at least somewhat afford, even if it means no cocktails for a month...) I have to have it. Why? It looks, and makes me feel, *ah-mazing!* That happened with the Diane von Furstenberg [Brianne dress](#) (I mean, *come on*, it also was named after me. Shopping kismet!) It also happened not too long ago with a pair of patent red Cole Haan heels. Anyway, I'm digressing...

The point is, check out a few of the instant confidence boosting fashion items shown above. They're all at different price points, and even though people say money can't buy you happiness, that perfect accessory or pair of jeans can be the investment that gives you instant confidence in whatever situation life throws your way. We all have those days where we need to pull out our power dress for a big meeting, or instantly go for that perfect "going out" top with skinny jeans ([4](#), [Rich & Skinny Low Down Skinny Stretch Jeans](#), [Storm Wash](#), \$185, [Nordstrom](#)) and the tallest heels in your closet for an impromptu date.

Hopefully, my selections above can give you some guidance if you're looking for a little pick-me-up. Besides, it's tax season. *Hello*, refunds! And if you can't even dream of affording these right now, check eBay ... It's where I buy all of my Rich & Skinny jeans. Shhh! Don't tell anyone. ;)

And if you have a second, tell the rest of us what fashion item boosts your confidence beyond belief. We really are dying to know ...

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## Just Imagine Her Closet: Nicole Richie



# Nicole Richie

During the summer of 2006, Nicole Richie, with her wavy blonde hair, massive sunnies and crazy '60s style, was the style starlet to watch. Then, everyone realized she was just the protege of uber-stylist Rachel Zoe (who still really created that look) and we started paying attention to her. Then came Nicole's jewelry line, [House of Harlow 1960](#), and I started to feel like she was breaking new fashion territory once again. Now, with the launch of her latest lust-worthy line, [Winter Kate](#), she has firmly placed her clothing in the closets of the fashion elite. And with a shoe collection coming this spring, we can't wait to see what must-have trend produced by her team is next on tap. And, while it's difficult to afford her new line, House of Harlow 1960 is still relatively budget-conscious, and all of the ways I'm going to tell you to cop her style below are free or on the cheap. Exciting, right?!

### 1) Shaggy Bangs

She's all about the throwback ... and if you really want to indulge in her style it's time to ask your stylist to scissor your bangs. While nothing is more of a shock to your inner-fashionista (I did this once, and I'll never do it again), it's a fashion risk that really works on some people. You never know until you try. If you hate it, just don't blame it on me!

### 2) Dark Eyeliner

Rim your entire eye. Opt for a gel liner like [Mac's Fluidline in Blacktrack \(\\$15\)](#) or [Stila's Barbie Loves Stila Smudge Pot in Little Black Dress \(\\$20\)](#) if you want a bit of a pink shimmer (hey,

you want to make every trend *your own*). I love gel liners because they stay on well and don't irritate eyes. Rubbing all day = raccoon eyes. (And none of us want that!)

### 3) Black Tights

I like tights because they are perfect for spring. You can finally dust off your dresses and wear them once again (without freezing) thanks to this one easy transitional piece. My favorites are still by [Merona at Target \(\\$7\)](#). They're cheap and they don't itch. Enough said.

### 4) The Side Braid

Cute, easy to do and hey, it's free!

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## When Worlds Collide



Anyone who knows the real Bri knows I am obsessed with fashion and NASCAR. People don't really "get" it. For those of you who want to know the reason why, [click here](#). That said, I love, love, *LOVE* it when the two collide in a way that's worth mentioning. That's what happened today when the uber-trendy Miss Kim Kardashian was co-grand marshall of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

In addition to looking as fashionable as [Chandra Johnson](#) (that's Jimmie Johnson's wife who is a model turned mommy-to-be in

case you didn't know), Kim rocked Christian Louboutin heels with a fire suit (or at least something resembling a fire suit). That takes some guts. Considering the pot hole problems at Daytona, I wouldn't want to walk anywhere near a track in 4-inch heels.

In addition, Kim and Sephora sponsored #36 driver Mike Bliss to promote [her new fragrance](#) sold exclusively at the beauty retailer. This move has garnered quite a bit of [negative blogging press](#), but I say it's right on point. I've been trying to tell anyone who will listen for quite some time that because females are one of the fastest growing sectors of the NASCAR audience, it's time advertisers realize this when considering sponsorships for the cars. ([About 41% of NASCAR fans are females.](#))

This is one trend I hope has staying power, despite what others may think ...

P.S. A BIG thank you to Christa Thomas for the photos of Kim. The lucky girl is a NASCAR photog (and former co-worker of mine). I know, lucky, right?!

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## Go Red For A Day Instead



Every month it seems there's a new cause to remember, reflect on, celebrate or recognize. February is Black History Month, Women's History Month, and a cause that is personally important to me, [Go Red for Women](#). By now we all know that heart disease kills more women each year than any other disease -- [approximately one female every minute](#). I don't say

this to scare you, (even though it scares me) but because the one message Go Red tries to get across is that [prevention is key](#).

Aside from eating healthier, exercising, sharing this cause with other women, and making sure you visit your doctor frequently, there is a very fashionable way to say you promote prevention - wear red! And even though national "Wear Red Day" was February 5, our celebration of survivors and heart health prevention in Missoula took place today. It really doesn't matter what day it is. Wear red for someone you know who's been affected. For me, it was an amazingly peaceful, athletic, can't-help-but-put-a-smile-on-your-face guy named Christian, that I had the privilege of knowing and working with for just under a year. Every time I see a Go Red pin (even though he wasn't a girl he sure knew how to rock a crisp tie), I think of him.

So, dear fashionistas, while this was a more sobering post, it's meant to be optimistic about the future. Wear your red proudly this month! And if you're just in need of a sexy red number (that can be worn to work with a blazer and be perfectly office appropriate as well -- you know we *love* fashion that goes double-duty ... ) try the [Susana Monaco Mini Open Back Dress from ShopBop](#) (\$150).

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Obsessions: Narciso Rodriguez for eBay



By now we are all familiar with the "luxe line for less" hype. At first it seemed like a really amazing idea, right? Jimmy Choo at H&M! Zac Posen at Target! And now it's [Narciso Rodriguez for ... eBay?!?](#) That's right, one of the chicest designers has an exclusive line for the Web savvy sellers.


It rolled out Feb. 15, and already many of the sizes are sold out. My [favorite top](#), pictured above, was gone before I could even buy it. (Though you're still in luck if you're an extra-small or large... ) What excites me about the eBay line as opposed to the others is that it's accessible to anyone (and without standing in lines).

While Narciso Rodriguez will remain on my lust list for a while still, it's fun to see he's considering his cuts on the cheap (or affordable ... It's not really all that cheap).

Tell us, what's *your* favorite cheap chic design collaboration?

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## Free Falling For Free People



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Girls by now we all know it's all about the jewelry. From the engagement ring to the statement ring it's a way we can set ourselves apart. At 20-Something Fashionista, we always look to the lovely [Rachel Zoe](#) for fashion inspiration. Her theory when it comes to accessories? More is MORE. And, at your twenties, you can most likely get away with that as long as you're comfortable with looking like a Glamour magazine "Don't" on

occasion.

I've always tended to be a less is more kind of girl when it comes to my jewelry. I wear the same Claddagh ring given to me by a friend in high school (it's bad luck to buy a Claddagh for yourself ... but that's another post), my [Tiffany and Co. sterling silver bead earrings](#) gifted to me by grandparents for graduation and either a [Tiffany and Co. "b" necklace](#) or [Dogeared jade necklace](#). But as a fashionista I love experimenting and no trend excites me more than the statement necklaces, rings, cuffs and earrings on the market today.

I was in Portland, which I will affectionately refer to as PDX from now on, when I came across the [Free People](#) (Taylor Swift is a fan) store on Northwest 23rd. Of course I couldn't afford tossing over \$300 for a tunic-length plaid shirt that looks like it was pulled out of Miley's closet, but I did fall for their amazing jewelry selection. It's bohemian *and* budget-friendly.

I bought the most *awh*-mazing turquoise -- did you know that's the color of friendship? --statement necklace (known as the [rock steady](#). Awh, a nod to Gwen... ) that looks just as good over a black dress as it does with a grey tank and jeans.

So my dear fashionistas, check out Free People to your heart's content, but let me warn you about one thing first. (This wouldn't be a blog worth reading if I wasn't honest, *right?*) Do not buy their rings. Even though they're ridiculously cute they turn your fingers green, and the quality is so bad it changes color (and not in the cool mood way either). In fact, I've purchased better rings at H&M for a third of the cost. That said, it's still worth checking out. The necklace alone was a score.

Comment below and let us know where you find *your* best jewelry.

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